

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **AYMEN RAMADAN ET AL.**

SERIAL NO.: 09/521,896

GROUP ART UNIT: 3738

FILED: March 9, 2000

EXAMINER: S. Jackson

FOR: DISK PROSTHESIS FOR CERVICAL
VERTEBRAE

ATTY. REFERENCE: RAMA3001/JEK/
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **RESPONSE AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE** in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity	Full Fee
Total Claims		¹	= 0 ³	× \$ 9 =	× \$ 18 =
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- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account Number 02-0200 in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
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- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees due under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: **COPY of Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 Form, filed January 8, 2001**

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2002 (Paper No. 8) in the above application.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of the application. But, please note that the Examiner has not yet acknowledged the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) that was filed on January 8, 2001. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge the IDS.

Enclosed is a true copy of the actual IDS filed on January 8, 2001, along with a copy of the actual filing receipt showing the stamped date of receipt of January 8, 2001. The Examiner is requested to initial Form PTO-1449, and send a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicant's Legal Representatives by mail or facsimile, prior to the Issue Fee due date of April 15, 2002.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application which can be resolved by a telephone call or facsimile communication to

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